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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ASMARA CONSULATE GENERAL AND KAGNEW BUILDINGS

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 2764 (B) ATHENS 4105

1. DEPT.'S RECORDS CONFIRM THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL
COMPOUND IS US GOVERNMENT-OWNED. COPIES OF THE 1950
PURCHASE CONTRACTS ARE BEING POUCHED.

2. WE DEFER TO YOUR JUDGMENT ON DESIRABILITY, BOTH
POLITICALLY AND FOR SECURITY REASONS, OF SENDING AN
AMERICAN BACK TO ASMARA AT THIS TIME. THE DEPARTMENT
DOES HOWEVER WISH TO RETAIN THE US GOVERNMENT-OWNED
CONSULATE GENERAL COMPOUND AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE
ALL OF THE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT IN IT. THE FACT THAT
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OUR INTERESTS ARE BEING PROTECTED BY TWO FSL CUSTODIAL
REPEAT CUSTODIAL EMPLOYEES CAUSES SOME UNEASINESS HERE.
CAN YOU INTEREST A TRUSTED FORMER CLERICAL OR SUPERVISORY
FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL INTO MOVING INTO THE COMPOUND? IS
THE EPMG LIKELY TO BE WILLING TO AGREE TO THIS AND ASSURE
THAT THEY CAN REMAIN THERE IN REASONABLE SAFETY? DO YOU
HAVE TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH ASMARA?

3. REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT-LEASED PROPERTIES OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND, WE ASSUME THAT THE FORCED EVACUATION OF

PERSONNEL AT THE REQUEST OF THE EPMG WOULD EFFECTIVELY TERMINATE ANY CONTRACTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES ON OUR SIDE. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, YOU SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE FORMAL NOTICE OF TERMINATION WITHOUT DELAY. COULD FORMER FSL EMPLOYEES AFFECT THE TRANSFER OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FROM THESE BUILDINGS INTO THE COMPOUND? IF NOT, A CONTRACTOR OR POSSIBLY EPMG? IF YOU CONCUR IN REQUEST MADE IN REFTEL (B), WE ASSUME WAUCHOPE CAN BE HELPFUL IN SETTING UP THE OPTIMUM ARRANGEMENTS.

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW WITH RESPECT TO KAGNEW.

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